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SUBJECT: POST RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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1. FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CORDIAL AND CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF COSTA RICA INCLUDE A) INCLUSION OF PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER, AND KEY MEMBERS IN AMBASSADOR'S MONTHLY MEETING OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN. (THIS AFFORDS AMCHAM OPPORTUNITY TO USE GROUP AS SOUNDING BOARD FOR REACTION TO NEW PROPOSALS AND PROGRAMS AS WELL AS FOR EMBASSY TO KEEP ABREAST OF CHAMBER ACTIVITIES AND CONCERNS). B) AMBASSADOR AND OFFICERS OF EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION ARE HONORARY MEMBERS OF AMCHAM AND SERVE ON AMCHAM COMMITTEES. THEY ALSO ATTEND AMCHAM MONTHLY LUNCHEONS. C) EMBASSY OFFERS APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIFIC AMCHAM PROJECTS, E.G. USIS ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED FOR TECHNIQUES OF OPINION SURVEY IN CONNECTION WITH CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP PROJECT STIMULATED BY AL WIXHTRICH'S VISIT. (STATE 059643). D. IN AREA OF SERVING INFORMATIONAL REQUESTS FROM U.S. BUSINESS, EMBASSY CALLS ATTENTION OF VISITING U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO SPECIFIC SERVICES OFFERED BY LOCAL AMCHAM

SUCH AS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF COSTA RICAN INCOME TAX LAW.

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2. BELIEVE PERIODIC OCA CONTACT WITH CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RELATIONS OF U.S. CHAMBER
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AS WOULD REPORT TO FIELD OF
PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS, SUGGESTIONS WHICH SURFACE
AT ANNUAL GLOBAL MEETING OF CHAMBER.
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